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Electricity.

Output Target for 1947: 3023.9 mill. Kwh. Actual Output in 1947: 3385.044 mill. Kwh.

1. The 100% exploitation of available capacity, which was the same as in 1946 enabled the output target to be exceeded by 12%. Coal supplies were adequate although deliveries by rail were occasionally delayed. The supply of spares, on the other hand, was quite inadequate; only 10% of all requirements was covered. Power stations were therefore obliged to work under conditions of increased difficulty, e.g., lack of electric bulbs and "Kesselrohrreisser" (boiler tube gauges). The situation was eased towards the end of the year by the arrival of the first installments of the allotment of supplies from the West. By 31 December, about 55% of the allotted 1800 tons of iron ore products had been delivered.
2. The number of technical hitches in power stations increased during 1947 as a result of wear and tear to installations. The situation is critical throughout and can only be improved if, during 1948, an adequate supply of iron for repair work is forthcoming from the Western zones. For the purpose of supervising repair work, the Government had appointed special commissioners whose duty it is to prepare repair plans for power stations and gas works for submission to the G.A. The "Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energie" is responsible for supplies of materials.
3. The following power stations have shown good results: Zschornowitz, Harbitz, Plesca, and Magdeburg.
4. In 1947, the amount of electricity generated was 30% below the required amount; the discrepancy between the demand and the output capacity of power stations has increased during the year. The greater demand was occasioned by industrial expansion. In future, increasing industrial capacity will be obliged to pay more attention to the amount of power available.

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Gas

Output Target, 1947: 97 mill. cbm. Actual Output, 1947: 84.7932 mill. cbm.

5. While exploiting 94% of available installations, the gas industry failed by 13% to reach its output target. Only about 30% of the year's requirements was met. Reconstruction work on destroyed gas works, in particular the Magdeburg gas works, failed to make the necessary progress because of the impossibility of drawing more than 720 tons of iron goods from the West and 90 tons from the Soviet Zone. Rebuilding of furnace battery No. 2 (presumably Magdeburg) was therefore delayed.
6. The failure to utilize all the available capacity was caused by the fact that hard coal supplies from the Western zones were insufficient to meet total requirements. Smaller gas works were closed down temporarily. Good results were achieved by the Halle and Halberstadt gasworks.

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